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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights held its second session at the United Nations Office at Geneva, from 30 March to 10 April 1992. The report of the Preparatory Committee at its second session will be issued as document A/CONF.157/PC/37. The report contains a recommendation for action by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session. It will therefore be necessary to reopen consideration of agenda item 98.

2. At its 14th meeting, on 10 April 1992, the Preparatory Committee adopted a draft decision entitled "Dates and venue of the World Conference on Human Rights", which is transmitted to the General Assembly for action: 1/

Dates and venue of the World Conference on Human Rights

At its 14th meeting, on 10 April 1992, the Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote, having regard to

(a) Paragraph 4 (a) (iii) of General Assembly resolution 46/116;

(b) The decision of the Government of Germany to withdraw its invitation to convene the World Conference at Berlin;

1/ The final numbering of this decision will appear in the report of the Preparatory Committee at its second session (A/CONF.157/PC/37).

(c) The decision of the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1992/37, to welcome the willingness of the Government of Italy to consider acting as host to the World Conference in 1993; and

(d) The decision of the Government of Austria to extend an invitation for the World Conference to be held at Vienna in June 1993;

to recommend to the General Assembly, at a meeting of its resumed forty-sixth session to be held on 4 or 5 May 1992, that it:

(a) Reopen consideration of agenda item 98, entitled "Human rights questions";

(b) Reconsider paragraph 4 (a) (iii) of resolution 46/116 of 17 December 1991 in the light of the invitation of the Government of Austria to host the World Conference at Vienna in June 1993, and the invitation of the Government of Italy to host the Conference at Venice in May 1993, if such a formal invitation is submitted before the above-mentioned date.